

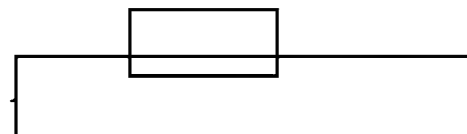
MEMORANDUM OF TELEPHONE CONVERSATION BETWEEN THE
DIRECTOR AND SENATOR SALTONSTALL ON MAY 6, 1960

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Senator Saltonstall called the Director and after exchanging pleasantries, said that he had called the Director with further regard to the matter he had mentioned to him the night before, at which time the Director had told him it would be better not to discuss the subject at that time. (This was probably at the Annual Spring Dinner of the Alibi Club, which the Director attended last evening.) Senator Saltonstall said that he had been asked about "that subject," and that he assumed other members of the Senate had also. He said he was going to Boston today and wondered whether there was anything on the subject which he could know, prior to his departure.

The Director said there was nothing particular at this time; that the Department of State and the Defense Department were spearheading the thing, and that we were trying to get a lot of data -- trying to find out the status of the pilot, whether he is alive, what he says, etc. He said we are a bit in the dark ourselves.

The Senator then said that he recalled something the Director had said to him a few years ago that he had not forgotten. It occurred at a meeting at which he and Russell were present. He said he thought of this incident in that connection and wondered whether it had any bearing. The Director asked him whether this had been in his capacity as a member of the Senate Armed Services Committee, and the Senator said it had been. The Director then said he thought what he had better do was to touch base, and then he could come up on Monday and talk to the Senator. The Senator said, Good, That's fine. He then said that what he said on the radio when they asked him was, first, about the Summit Conference -- that the decision was up to the President; and then they brought in this incident, and the Senator said this was another incident and not necessarily connected with the Summit Meeting, and that we ought to look into the facts and then decide what to do. The Director said he thought this was a very good line to follow; and that he would give the Senator a ring on Monday. The Senator thanked him and the conversation ended.



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